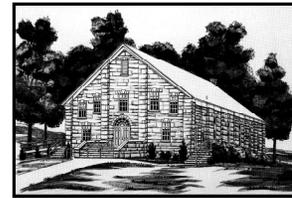


Focus for the Month: This month we are **focusing on Raleigh and Opal (names changed) and their four young children in N. Africa.** They live in a rural location learning local culture, praying, meeting people, and building connections for future work. They plan to start a business which supports economies in remote locations.

A Look at VMissions: As Steve and Laura Campbell are preparing to transition from their assignment in Podgorica, Montenegro, pray for a local person to take leadership of the Sunday School program that Laura started.



Weavers Mennonite Church

Sunday, February 20, 2022 - 10:30am

*Called into God's Family, we join together
to be transformed through worship,
to nurture one another,
to be equipped to serve Jesus Christ, and
to carry out His mission in the world.*

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Prelude

c/o Jennifer Wright

Welcome & Announcements

Jackie Yoder

First Fruits Giving

Scripture Reading

Worship in Song

c/ o Julia Alleman

VT #120 *For the Beauty of the Earth* vv. 1,2,4
VT #273 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*
VT #420 *God of the Bible* vv. 1,2,3,5
VT #670 *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

Message "The Power of a Seed "

Floyd Blosser

Scripture: Matthew 13:31-32, John 12:24

Song of Response VT #777 *Seeds*
(live stream will end after this)

Sharing and Prayer

Jackie Yoder

Sending Song

*VT= *Voices Together* hymnal

Nursery is available downstairs during the Worship service for ages 3 and younger.

Announcements

Upcoming Weavers calendar:

- **Wednesday, Feb. 23 -- Kids Clubs 6:30pm**
- **Wednesday Prayer meeting by Zoom, 7pm**
- **Wednesday Youth Group**

Thank you for your continued contributions. Ways to give may include through your bank's bill pay, which is often a free service. Other ways are via mail, paypal on the church website, bank transfer or dropping by the office. These have been the designations in the last week:
Budget - \$6,889.00; Building Fund - \$100; youth fundraiser - \$100;
Care & Share - \$50

Happy Birthday this week: Alesha Lehman (today!) and Mary Ann Smith.

Please contact Curt if you and/or your Sunday School or small group would like to talk with Curt further about a membership covenant concept. This is designed to aid him in following the by-laws regarding the annual review of membership, not as a replacement. Copies of the covenant sheet are available in the foyer.

Safe Church (for volunteers with our youth and children): **For adults approved in 2017, we have reached the 5 year renewal date.** Due to COVID protocols, there are simply three videos that take about five hours. If you previously were an approved adult, you will be sent an email with the video links. These videos can be watched separately. In an effort to assist in this process, Curt will host a watch party with refreshments for the two hour video on Sunday, Feb 27 at 6 pm. It would be helpful to RSVP to curt@weaversmc.org.

We will need confirmation that you have completed the three videos by March 13. If you complete them before then, please send Jennifer Wright an email at res0n572@verizon.net. (That 0 is a zero).

We will have a Congregational Members Business Meeting on February 27 following the morning service. On the agenda will be the proposed Budget, as well as the proposal for funds remaining from the 2021 Budget year. The proposed Budget for 2022 and a summary for 2021 was emailed to members last week. There are also some copies available in the foyer.

If you are interested in taking part in a home fellowship/small group, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

The Fellowship Sunday School class has started a study on Mark. They meet in classroom #3 in Shady Oak. Anyone is welcome to join in this class.

There will be a men's retreat on May 20-21 at Red Oak Lodge at Highland Retreat. Overnight accommodations are available if desired. We are planning for an input speaker, great worship, incredible food, and everything from fellowship/Spikeball/cornhole to solitude and coffee on the deck. Mark your calendars.

The congregation is asked to continue in prayer, as Pastoral Council leads the move in our processing of and searching for person(s) who can more formally take on the roles ministering alongside our pastor leadership team.

Our current budget excludes the agencies that a number of years ago had been part of our Non-Operating budget. Instead, **we have 5- 6 special offerings for contributions to the agencies we have supported in the past.** **Our special offerings will be received on the last Sunday of each even month** (Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct., and lastly, Dec. (as long as Operating Budget has been met.) Offering envelopes are available on the credenza for those who wish to give different amounts to the agencies than the default percentages suggest.

Total Gift: \$ _____

Rather than use the default % shown, please apply my first fruit gift as follows:

\$ Weavers Missions (10%)	\$ Central District (15%)
\$ Virginia Mennonite Missions (25%)	\$ Mennonite Missions Network (10%)
\$ VA Conference Ministries (6%)	\$ MCUSA Exec. Leadership Board (2%)
\$ Eastern Menn. High School (5%)	\$ MCC - Canning (3%)
\$ Family Life Resource Center (3%)	\$ Mennonite Education Agency (2%)
\$ Highland Retreat (3%)	\$ Mennonite Publishing Network (1%)
\$ Pleasant View Home (2%)	\$ Minority Groups (1%)
\$ VA Menn. Disaster Service (2%)	\$ Eastern Mennonite Seminary (2%)
\$ VA Menn. Retirement Comm (4%)	\$ Eastern Mennonite University (4%)

There is no need to complete this form if you choose to have your gift divided according to Weavers' default percentages.

Men's prayer time -- all men are invited to a time for prayer each Saturday at 7 AM in the Lighthouse Coffee building. Coffee will be provided. You are welcome to also invite men from outside of the Weavers congregation.

Ladies! Mark your calendars so you don't miss this exciting event happening on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at Waynesboro Mennonite Church. We will start our Annual Missions Day at 9 a.m. with a taste of cultural bread from Central Asia, then hear from a missionary serving there. We will spend time in worship, and share financially with love gifts for current missionaries and ministries through Virginia Mennonite Missions. Our time together will wrap up with lunch and fellowship together. Please plan to attend! RSVP to MWVSecretary@gmail.com so we can get a head count for lunch. Childcare will be available for children 5 years old and younger. Please let us know how many children you are bringing. If you have questions, you may call Sharon Arbaugh, MWV President, at 540-292-1085. See you there!

Tickets are now on sale for Eastern Mennonite School's production of the musical, *The Wizard of Oz*, Feb. 24-27 at the school. 80 students 1st-12th grade participate in the show and pit orchestra. The show lasts approximately 2.5 hours and is suitable for all ages. Tickets are all reserved seating. Socially distanced seating options in the balcony. Masks required. See easternmennonite.org/tickets for costs and online purchase (or call 540-236-6025).

Writers Wanted: Virginia Mennonite Conference is writing curriculum for *Leader* magazine. We need writers and content creators that can provide theological grounding and want to design the 2022 Advent/Epiphany services. *Leader* magazine is published by MennoMedia and used by congregations from Mennonite Church USA and MC Canada. Turnaround time is tight. Contact June at the VMC office for more information. 540-434-9727 or june.miller@virginiaconference.org

Registration is now open for Highland Summer Camps! Exciting camp experiences are available for children and youth (ages 5-16). Visit highlandretreat.org/summer-camp for the camp schedule and online registration.

Eastern Mennonite Seminary invites you to hear Nancy Elizabeth Bedford during EMU's annual Augsburg Lecture Series, Mar. 29-30. She is author of many books and publications and is currently a Georgia Harkness Professor of Theology at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. She will speak to us on the malleability, materiality and mission of theology. Learn more at: <https://emu.edu/bible/augsburger-lecture-series>

Join an upcoming event sponsored by the Shenandoah Mennonite Historians: Jo Anne Kraus will speak about her recent Herald Press book on the Warwick River Mennonite Colony, March 29, 7:00 PM, at the Mt. Clinton Mennonite Church. Kraus will speak live, though if you want to watch via Zoom, contact Jim Hershberger at jimhersh254@gmail.com, and Jim will send you a link. This lecture is sponsored by the Shenandoah Mennonite Historians.

Do you enjoy riding motorcycles? Want to use your hobby to further Christ's Kingdom? VMissions will be holding the **10th Annual Motorcycles for Mission ride** on June 3 and 4. Through nine years, riders from churches across the East Coast have come together to raise over \$94,000 to support the work of VMissions. **Save the date** and get ready to ride!

Who is the gospel for? Everyone. VMissions is pursuing God's vision of **A Church of Many Cultures**. Join us in raising \$3 million for new initiatives through Business for Transformation, Global Church Planting, and a Mission Training Center. Learn more about how to get involved at campaign.vmissions.org.